

DEC 13 2006

PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: NG(MS)7266

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Thomas J. Gritzmacher

Confirmation No.: 1391

Application No.: 10/005,771

Examiner: Sara M. Chandler

Filing Date: 8 November 2001

Group Art Unit: 3693

Title: *Billing System and Method for Network*Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- ☒ Response/Amendment  
☐ New fee as calculated below  
☒ No additional fee  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$\_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Request to extend time to respond  
☐ Supplemental Declaration

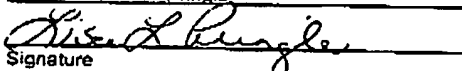
CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
FOR	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	NUMBER EXTRA	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$200.00	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					\$360.00	
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	2ND MONTH \$450.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	3RD MONTH \$1,020.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	4TH MONTH \$1,590.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		
OTHER FEES						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit account 20-0090. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0090 pursuant to 36 CFR 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account 20-0090 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. 1.8A)


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office facsimile number (571) 273-8300 on 13 December 2006.  
Number of Pages: 17

Lisa L. Pringle

  
Signature

Respectfully submitted,

By



Christopher P. Harris

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No.: 43,660

Date: 13 December 2006

Telephone: (216)621-2234

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8A)**

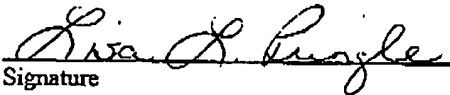
I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

**MAILING**  
deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

☒ **FACSIMILE**  
transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office @ (571)273-8300.

17 total pages including transmittal.

Date: 13 December 2006

  
Signature  
Lisa L. Pringle  
(type or print name of person certifying)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
)  
Thomas J. Gritzmacher ) Group Art Unit: 3693  
)  
Serial No.: 10/005,771 ) Confirmation No.: 1391  
)  
Filed: 8 November 2001 ) Examiner: Sara M. Chandler  
)  
For: *Billing System and Method for Network*

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**